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THE TENNESSEE REVOLUTION.

The recent speech of Governor Brownlow in the Senate, denouncing the revolutionary portion of the proceedings of the Legislature of Tennessee, will probably be found to express very nearly what is the view not only of the majority of the Republicans in Tennessee, but also of Congress and the country at large. As Senator Brownlow stated very pithily the points of the present situation in Tennessee, we give them in his own language:

"By the provisions of the constitution there is no power vested in the Governor, Legislature or Judiciary that body can provide for the adjustment of the property and the debts of the State. No such means of amending the constitution were used as the terms of law in the one Legislature to provide the necessary majority, then parties, and the people, and submitted to the people the call next August for a convention to amend the constitution of the State.

"The convention recently called to amend the Constitution of Tennessee has not been called in accordance with law. It is unconstitutional and unauthorized. What Governor Sumner may find to his duty and to his oath of office I am not advised; but if I were Governor and the convention should attempt to exercise any of the powers of sovereignty or authority I would disperse them by the State troops. I am informed that the present General Assembly is totally beat upon minutiæ."

We were among those who, with Governor Brownlow, urged the Republican party in Tennessee to re-enfranchise the rebel element, and thus carry out, even in favor of the unforgiving and rebellious, the policy of universal suffrage. But, like him, we expected this to be done by legal and constitutional measures, in the course of time, and not by a forcible overthrow of the existing constitution.

That a Legislature is guilty of revolution when it attempts to amend constitution in a manner not provided for in that constitution is a point too clear for argument. There may be cases where such revolution is necessary, as, for instance, where the constitution contains no clause whatever regulating its amendment. In such a case a majority would seem the people of the State, the National Government, and the surrounding States to peaceably acquiesce. But Tennessee provides for its own amendment by the action of two successive Legislatures, and a vote of the people. It does not provide

THE PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

Statement of the Public Debt of the United States on the 1st day of January, 1870.

Debt Bearing Coin Interest.

Character of Issue.	Authorized by Act of	When Payable.	Interest Payable.	Amount Outstanding.	Annual Interest.
6s, 1867-81	March 3, 1863	After 1881	J. & J.	$75,000,000	$4,500,000
6s, 5-20s	Feb. 25, 1862	After 1867	M. & S.	514,771,600	30,886,296
6s, 5-20s	March 3, 1864	After 1867	M. & S.	31,481,000	1,888,860
6s, 5-20s	June 30, 1864	After 1867	J. & D.	196,300,000	11,778,000
6s, 5-20s	March 3, 1865	After 1867	M. & S.	36,030,000	2,161,800
6s, 5-20s	March 3, 1865	After 1867	J. & J.	1,109,000	66,540
6s, 10-40s	March 3, 1864	After 1874	M. & S.	194,300,000	11,658,000
6s, 10-40s	March 3, 1864	After 1874	J. & J.	1,000,000	60,000
6s, 10-40s	March 3, 1865	After 1874	J. & J.	11,000,000	660,000
6s, 10-40s	March 3, 1865	After 1874	M. & S.	1,000,000	60,000
Aggregate of debt bearing coin interest				$1,381,991,600	$82,919,496

Debt Bearing Interest in Lawful Money.

Authorized by Act of	Character of Issue.	Rate.	Annual Int. Payable.	When Payable.	Amount Outstanding.	Annual Interest.	Amount of Int. Matured and Unpaid.
March 3, 1863	Certificates	3 P. ct.	$4,240,000	On demand (interest ceases after 3 years)	$212,000	$6,360	$19,080
July 17, 1861	Demand Notes		3,000,000	Ordinary Funds	76,000		Par value
Aggregate of debt bearing interest in lawful money			$7,240,000		$1,788,000		

Debt on Which Interest has Ceased Since Maturity.

Authorized by Act of	Character of Issue.	Rate.	Annual Int. Payable.	When Payable.	Matured.	Amount Outstanding.	Annual Interest.
April 15, 1813	Bonds	6 P. ct.			$7,000 00	$420 00	
Feb. 8, 1815	Bonds	6 P. ct.			3,000 00	180 00	
Feb. 8, 1815	Temporary loans	6 P. ct.			41,000 00	2,460 00	
Feb. 8, 1815	Temporary loans	6 P. ct.			1,000 00	60 00	
Feb. 8, 1815	Temporary loans	6 P. ct.			1,000 00	60 00	
June 30, 1834	Treasury notes	6 P. ct.			1,000 00	60 00	
June 30, 1834	Treasury notes	6 P. ct.			1,000 00	60 00	
June 30, 1834	Treasury notes (Lost Treasury Warrant)	6 P. ct.			1,000 00	60 00	
March 3, 1849	Compound interest notes	6 P. ct.	$4,242,000 00	At maturity	4,242,000 00	254,520 00	
March 3, 1857	Compound interest notes	6 P. ct.	4,242,000 00	At maturity	4,242,000 00	254,520 00	
June 30, 1864	Treasury notes (3 years)	7 3-10 P. ct.	709,000 00	At maturity	709,000 00	52,163 00	
Aggregate of debt on which interest has ceased since maturity			$8,718,000 00		$10,178,000 00		$618,240 00

Debt Bearing no Interest.

Authorized by Act of	Character of Issue.	Amount Outstanding.
July 17, 1861	Demand notes	$ 111,000 00
Feb. 25, 1862	U. S. legal-tender, new issue, under 1869	$ 356,000,000 00
March 3, 1863		
March 3, 1863	1st series	4,291,226 01
March 3, 1863	Fractional currency 2d series	26,838,737 10
March 3, 1863	3d series	4,764,181 00
March 3, 1863	Certificates for gold deposited	15,770,000 00
Aggregate of debt bearing no interest		$408,045,141 10

Recapitulation.

	Amount Outstanding.	Annual Interest.
Debt bearing interest in coin, viz.: Bonds at 6 per cent	$737,000,000 00	
	644,991,600 00	$82,919,496 00
Debt bearing interest in lawful money, viz.: Matured debt, 1st class	$1,788,000 00	
Matured debt, 2d class	14,000,000 00	
Debt on which interest has ceased since maturity	$15,788,000 00	1,788,000 00
	10,178,000 00	618,240 00
Debt bearing no interest, viz.: Old demand and legal-tender notes	$408,045,141 10	
Certificates of gold deposited	15,770,000 00	
	423,815,141 10	
		$85,325,736 00

Total debt—Principal and interest to date, including coin due and unpaid on 5-20s of 1862 $1,434,134,279 68

Amount in Treasury:

Coin	$103,761,627 20	
Currency	1,442,000 00	
Special deposit for redemption of certificates of deposit	15,770,000 00	
Outstanding checks and drafts	3,115,267 35	
Fractional currency	4,964,203 27	
		$129,057,097 82
Debt, less amount in the Treasury on the 1st ultimo		$1,305,077,181 86
Increase of debt during the present month		1,742,781 32
Decrease of debt since the 4th of March, 1869		$27,046,744 91

Six per cent Bonds Issued to the Pacific Railroad Companies, Interest Payable in Lawful Money.

July 1, '69	July 1, '69	Union Pacific Co.	$1,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,600,000	$1,107,437	$76,442	
July 1, '69	July 1, '69	Central Pacific	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,107,437	76,442	
July 1, '69	July 1, '69	Western Pacific	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,107,437	76,442	
July 1, '69	July 1, '69	Central Pacific	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,107,437	76,442	
July 1, '69	July 1, '69	Union Pacific, Branch U. P.	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,107,437	76,442	
July 1, '69	July 1, '69	Central Pacific, Western Pacific	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,107,437	76,442	
July 1, '69	July 1, '69	Union Pacific, Central Pacific	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,107,437	76,442	
Total issued			$11,200,000	$11,200,000	$11,200,000	$7,750,059	$535,094	

The following is a correct statement of the public debt, as appears from the books and Treasury returns in the department at the close of business on the last day of December, 1869.

GEORGE S. BOUTWELL, Secretary of the Treasury.

"OLD MOSCOW THE TRAPPER"

Particulars of His Eventful Life and of His Death.

From the St. Louis Republican, Jan. 4.

Yesterday morning, at about half-past 10 o'clock, Mr. Louis Mesplie, a well-known citizen of this city, residing on Second street, between Biddle and Carr, was informed that a man named Moscow, who had been living in a shanty on the premises of Mr. Mesplie, was dying. Mr. Mesplie immediately went to the shanty, and found the man lying on the floor, with his head resting on a pillow. He was apparently in the last throes of death, and was unable to speak. Mr. Mesplie had him removed to a bed, and sent for a physician, but before the latter arrived the man was dead. Mr. Mesplie then had the body removed to the undertaking establishment of Mr. Bowles, on Fourth street, between Biddle and Carr, and had it prepared for burial. Mr. Mesplie then went to the shanty, and found in the pockets of the deceased's clothing a number of papers, which he took charge of. Among these papers was found a certificate of membership in the Masonic fraternity, which showed that the deceased was a member of Missouri Lodge, No. 3, of this city. Mr. Mesplie then went to the Masonic Hall, and informed the officers of the lodge of the death of the deceased. Arrangements were made for the burial of the body by the fraternity, and the funeral took place from the undertaking establishment at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The deceased was a member of the Masonic fraternity in good standing, and was entitled to the benefits of the order. The remains were followed to the grave by a large number of the members of the fraternity, and the funeral ceremonies were performed by the officers of the lodge.

The deceased was a native of Russia, and was about 70 years of age. He was a man of considerable education, and was a thorough linguist. He was a man of remarkable habits, and was known to but few persons in this city. He was a trapper by occupation, and was frequently absent from the city for months at a time, during which he would be engaged in trapping in the interior of the country. He was a man of considerable means, and was reputed to be worth from $10,000 to $15,000. He was a native of Moscow, Russia, and was known to his friends as "Old Moscow the Trapper." He was a man of eccentric

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Ordered that the injunction heretofore granted herein be and the same is hereby dissolved.

Thomas Hoyne for plaintiff. Dunlap for defendants.

JUDGMENT.

William Schroeder v. Abraham Nestos, for $15,149 20. This judgment was obtained on a note given by defendant, executed on the 1st of January, 1868, to the order of James Rowland, by which endorsed over to plaintiff. Judgment decided was of consideration for the note, and that the signature to the note, and bottom on the part of plaintiff. The action was the first note given by defendant to Rowland for the purchase of the property, that note was exchanged upon false representations, and that was the consideration for the note, and that the transfer was made to avoid the payment.

MECHANIC'S LIEN.

Orrin Sherman et al. v. Lucius F. Morris et ux. Decree for the enforcement of a mechanic's lien. Premises described as Lots [illegible] and 2 of Lot 4, and Lot [illegible] of Lot 5, in Block 1 of George W. Lay's subdivision of Lot 10, 40, 14, with improvements.

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United States District Court.

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John Bowling v. Chicago & Alton Railroad Company.—Libel filed by Bowling. Libel to recover damages to the schooner Ellen Swift, while lying at the dock of defendant on the Chicago River in an action of collision on the 29th of May, 1869. Libel found both tugs in fault and ordered decree against them for one-half of the damages. The collision occurred early on the morning of the 29th of May, 1869. The schooner was laden with lumber, and employed the Little Giant to tow her out. They proceeded through the Rush street bridge, and in so doing ordered to pass through the north draw of the Rush street bridge, which was open. The schooner, before reaching the bridge, was ordered to stop, and the Little Giant came over to the south side, meaning to make a landing there, as she had a right to do under the law. The Little Giant, going down the river, the schooner put her head into the draw and got into the middle of the draw, and stopped, and the Little Giant was then ordered to go through the draw, and in so doing struck the schooner, and damaged her to the amount of $1,500. The Little Giant passed